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MYCOLOGISTS RETURN FROM COSTA RICA

Associate Curator **Greg Mueller** and Adjunct Curator **Sabine Huhndorf** (both Botany) just returned from Costa Rica where they participated in the joint Association of Tropical Biology / Organization for Tropical Studies meeting and undertook field work. Greg organized and chaired an invited symposium "Assessing Costa Rican Fungal Biodiversity" as part of the meeting. Greg, Sabine, and **John Paul Schmit** (U. of C. and Botany graduate student who came from his field site in Puerto Rico) presented papers as part of the symposium which had two principal goals: first to provide an assessment of the current state of knowledge of diversity of a broad range of fungi from Ascomycetes to various groups of Basidiomycetes, and second to showcase the work of Costa Rican mycologists. They were able to reach areas normally inaccessible since it was relatively dry. These new sites proved to be productive, and a number of new Costa Rican records and several putative new taxa were collected. Greg also worked with his students and with his collaborators to prepare for the next phase of the collaborative research program. Greg's principal collaborator, Julieta Carranza, University of Costa Rica, will be visiting the Museum from July 7-25.

MAMMALS NAMES NEW ADJNCT CURATORS

Two longtime research associates of the Department of Zoology, **Jack Fooden** and **Julian Kerbis Peterhans,** were recently appointed as Adjunct Curators in the Division of Mammals. Jack's career here began four decades ago as a graduate student and post-doctoral fellow at the University of Chicago, continuing during his professorship at Chicago State University, and after his retirement as a full-time FMNH researcher. Asian primates, especially macaques, have been Jack's life-long study subjects. Julian's association with the Museum also began as a University of Chicago graduate student in the 1970s and 1980s. Formerly the division's collection manager, Julian is now on the faculty of Roosevelt University and is Director of the African Tropical Biodiversity Program, now focused on Uganda's national parks as part of long-term studies of the Albertine Rift.

The Chase Is On!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Wednesday, July 16, 1997
Contact **Cindy Andresen** (x870) in the Women's Board Office.

Join Cindy for practice runs/walks -- weekly on Wednesday at 4:45 p.m. beginning at the Museum's north entrance.

The 1997 3.5 mile Chase Corporate Challenge will be held:

Thursday, August 7, 1997
Grant Park
6:45 p.m. Men's Start
7:05 Women's Start

Starting Thursday, July 31, ***the way-cool Archaeopteryx Field Museum Team t-shirts, designed by our very own Graphics Department, will be available for only $6.00.*** The Museum will cover the registration fees and will provide food and beverages for all who particpate.

Thank you to all who have signed up so far! Over fifty runners/walkers registered as of Wednesday, July 9, 1997:

Elizabeth Adams
Veronica Alexander
Patricia Alverez
Cindy Andresen
Tina Augustus
Stephen Bell
Kathy Bellovich
Lisa Bergwall
Julie Bitzen
Caison Boise
Ray Bondoc
Lucy Bukowski
Michael Caruthers
Barry Chernoff
Annie Crawley
Jim Croft
Elizabeth Crownover
Denise Eeasley
Michele Eck
Leatrice Evans
Tasha Evans
Valerie Gardner
Wayne Gerdes
Melina Hale
Ron Hall
Faye Hertog-Levin
Jeff Janovetz
Charles Katzenmeyer
Carolyn Klyce
John McCarter
Christy MacLear
Heather MacLennan
Karlyn Morris-Gary
Alynna Nielsen
Michael Paha
Anita Purnell
Marcia Pyle
Laura Sadler
Laurie Sanders
Addie Scott
Adam Shapiro
Towanda Simmons
Clara Simpson
Randy Smith
Al Spencer
Sheila Spencer
Sophia Twichell
Robert Vosper
Tatzyana Wachter
Jeanette Watson
Susan Webb
Kristie Webber
Robert Weiglen
John Weinstein
Mark Westneat
Erica Zahnle

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